

Remarks

Pending Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 10 stand rejected by the examiner. Claims 5, 8-9 stand objected to by the Examiner because they depend on Claim 1 and a correction to Claim 1 is required. Claims 11-20 were previously cancelled subject to Applicant's election of claims 1-10. In response to the Office Action, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to overcome Examiner's objection and to overcome Examiner's rejection. New Claims 21-26 are added.

Examiner did not reject Claim 5. As such, Applicant assumes that it contains patentable subject matter. Applicant amended Claim 1 to include the subject matter of Claim 4-5. Claims 4-5 are cancelled because they are now part of Claim 1.

Applicant also assumes that Claims 8-9 contain patentable subject matter because they were also objected to but not rejected. Applicant drafted new Claim 21 to include the subject matter of Claim 8 and that of the original Claim 1. Please note that Claim 21 does not include subject matter from cancelled Claims 4-5.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that the independent Claims 1, 21 are patentably distinct over the prior art and in allowable form. Furthermore, Claims 2, 3, 6-9, and 22-26 are in allowable form and are patentably distinct over the prior art because they depend on the independent claims.

Should the Examiner discern any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of the aforementioned claims that might be resolved or overcome with the aid a telephone conference, he is cordially invited to call the

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undersigned at the telephone number set out below.

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